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[Redacted] Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's [Redacted] has given me your letters of 22 November and 30 November 1949 addressed to [Redacted] also [Redacted] and has asked me to reaffirm the substance of [Redacted] letter to you of 28 November.

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I readily can understand your hesitancy in releasing valuable classified information to a man whom you do not know. Your caution is a quality we appreciate. The release of information to non-authorized individuals could be detrimental to the United States Government, as you realize.

In this case, however, you need have no hesitancy. [Redacted] is an accredited representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, which has been authorized by the National Security Council to collect foreign intelligence information for the United States Government, within the United States, on behalf of other federal agencies. The Agency also is charged with the responsibility of protecting the identity of sources of intelligence who cooperate with it.

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I trust that the above information, in addition to that which [Redacted] already has provided, will prove sufficient to reassure you, and that Central Intelligence Agency, through him, may count on your assistance.

Sincerely,

Signed - *via ER plain envelope*

R. H. HENCKHOFFER  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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[Redacted] - 13 December 1949

cc: Signing Official

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